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### ADVISES YOUNG PEOPLE.

Archbishop Henry Moeller, of Cincinnati, in his Lenten pastoral letter, read in all the churches last Sunday, gives special advice to young people considering marriage and declares the Catholic attitude toward certain social problems of the day. Here are excerpts:

"Do not marry too young. We do not believe that a girl should marry before eighteen, or a young man before he is at least twenty-one."

"In marrying, young people should seek not so much their temporal as their spiritual welfare."

"Persons contemplating marriage should have sufficient guarantee that they possess the ordinary means of supporting themselves decently and of providing a respectable home for themselves and their offspring."

"We believe that the whole doctrine of the modern eugenists is untenable and unreliable. The laws of eugenics are by no means established."

"Eugenics is tainted with the materialistic spirit of the age, placing the spiritual and moral advantages of children in the background."

"We should debar the feeble-minded, the insane, the degenerate and drunkards from marrying, not on the ground of eugenics, but because they are incapable of doing their duty toward their children in regard to moral and religious training."

"Race suicide is one of the most degrading and deplorable evils of our much-vaunted progressive age."

"Certain districts should not be tolerated."

"There are aspects of hygiene which must be treated with the greatest reserve and prudence."

### RELIC OF MANGER.

The relic of the sacred manger in which the infant Jesus lay in the stable of Bethlehem—two boards, each about two feet in length—are preserved in St. Mary Major's Basilica in Rome. They are now enclosed in a large silver urn and exposed for veneration at Christmas.



Scene in Jack Lait's "Help Wanted," Famous Broadway Success.

### ORGANIZATION OF IRISH PARLIAMENT.

Under the present home rule bill the Irish Houses of Parliament will be organized as follows:

The Irish Parliament shall consist of the King, a Senate and a House of Commons. Senate, forty members; House of Commons, 164 members. A Peer may be a member of either house of the Irish Parliament, and an Irish Minister can speak in either house, but can only vote in that to which he belongs. If the two Irish houses disagree a joint sitting will be held, the vote of the majority deciding the issue.

The Senators shall in the first instance be nominated by the Imperial Government, each Senator holding office for five years. Afterward they will be elected by the four provinces as separate constituencies, the term of office being still five years, and unaffected by a dissolution. The Senatorial representatives of the provinces will be as follows: Ulster, fourteen; Leinster, eleven; Munster, nine; Connaught, six; total, forty. For the election of Senators the principle of proportional representation shall apply, each elector having one transferable vote.

For election to the Irish House of Commons the present Parliamentary constituencies will be used subject to the merging of the boroughs of Galway, Kilkenny and Newry in their respective counties. The borough and county representation will be as follows: Boroughs—Dublin, eleven; Belfast, fourteen; Londonderry, two; Cork, four; Limerick, two; Waterford, one; total, thirty-four. Counties—Ulster, thirty-three; Leinster, thirty; Munster, thirty; Connaught, thirty-five; total, 124. Dublin University, two. Grand total, 164.

In any constituency returning three or more members the election shall be held on the principle of proportional representation, each elector having one transferable vote. These constituencies are: Dublin, three divisions, nine members; Belfast, three divisions, twelve members; Cork, one division, four members; Dublin county, two divisions, six members.

This Parliament shall have power to make laws for the peace, order and good government of Ireland. The supreme power and authority of the Parliament of the United Kingdom shall remain unaffected in respect to all persons, matters and things in Ireland. The Imperial Parliament can at any time nullify or amend an act of the Irish Parliament.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland shall give or withhold his assent to Irish bills subject to the advice of His Majesty's Ministers in London.

The Irish representation at Westminster—103 under the act of union—is to be reduced more than one-half. Unless and until the Parliament of the United Kingdom otherwise determines the following provision shall prevail:

After the day of the first meeting of the Irish Parliament the number of members to be returned by constituencies in Ireland to serve in the Parliament of the United Kingdom shall be forty-two, no university returning a member.

The constituencies returning these members are thus divided: Boroughs—Dublin, three; Belfast, four; Cork, one. Counties—Ulster, eleven; Leinster, eight; Munster, nine; Connaught, six. Total forty-two.

### HUMANITY MARTIN.

A fine Irish gentleman was Richard Martin, the member from Galway, in the British Parliament, in the year 1820. They told him he couldn't do it—persuade Parliament to pass legislation for the legal protection of certain animals. Richard Martin was not used to being told he couldn't do things. Generally when his Irish heart set out for a thing it got it. Nine years before, in the House of Lords, Lord Erskine, proposing similar legislation, had been laughed down, had taken his seat amid jeers and cat calls. The member from Galway was made of different stuff. Someone jeered at him from the rear when he introduced his bill. He immediately challenged the unknown offender to a duel. The offender was glad to keep silence. The bill hung fire, but was passed in 1822. It was very moderate. It asked but little on behalf of animals. We can more easily understand how

it failed to extend protection to the bull, for that was in sympathy with the spirit of the age, but how it came to leave the dog also outside its provision we do not know. Still it was a beginning, a great beginning, the first legislation ever enacted, so far as we know, in modern times, for animal protection. There being no society to enforce the law it was inoperative. In 1824, Mr. Martin and some other friends of animals organized the society that later has become known the world over as the Royal S. P. C. A. He was born in Dublin in 1754, and died in Boulogne at the age of seventy-nine.

### PATRICK'S DAY MATINEE.

St. Patrick's day, is the one day that stands out in bold relief to every Irishman, a day of celebration, a day of rejoicing and of recreation. As Wednesday is not a regular matinee day at the Gayety Theater, Manager Taylor has arranged for a special St. Patrick's day matinee, at which time there will be given Jack Lait's famous play, "Help Wanted," which will be shown for the first time in Louisville, for a week, beginning tomorrow afternoon. "Help Wanted" is a play with the business man and his wife as the main characters. It is a happy combination of laughs, thrills and epigrams with a really beautiful love story and a play especially appealing to the girl of the office, and should not be overlooked by her mother. The usual habit of advancing the price of admission on holidays is done away with on this occasion, and every seat for this matinee will be twenty-five cents. The curtain will rise promptly at 2:15.

### COLLEGE OF CARDINALS.

The College of Cardinals, when filled, numbers seventy members; at present it contains only sixty, and of these forty-one were created by Pius X. and nineteen by Leo XIII. For the first time in many centuries the non-Italian clearly outnumber the Italian Cardinals, for even counting Cardinal Falconio among the latter, although he is an American citizen, there are thirty-one non-Italians to twenty-nine Italians, divided as follows: Austro-Hungarians, six; French, six; Spaniards, five; Americans, three; from England, Germany and Portugal, two each, and one each from South America, Canada, Ireland, Holland and Belgium.

### DISOVNS BIGOTS.

In a recent letter to the Little Rock Gazette, Rev. A. H. Poppe says:

"As pastor of the only Lutheran church in the city, I have been much annoyed lately by telephone calls regarding the lectures against the Catholic church under the auspices of the so-called Knights of Luther organization. This organization has absolutely no connection with the Lutheran church, and to the best of my knowledge no members of the Lutheran congregation belong to this party. I am absolutely against the mode and manner of conducting such lectures and of sailing under false colors."

### THACKERAY ANECDOTE.

A London correspondent tells an anecdote which he offers as a solace to the minds of Irishmen who have found it hard to forget or forgive Thackeray's "The Battle of Limerick." When on his first visit to Ireland Thackeray took a drive on a Dublin car some distance into the country. Milestones had recently been erected along the road, and each was printed the number of miles, with the letters "G. P. O."—the distance being measured from the General Post Office.

Thackeray was unaware of this and, in his thirst for information, asked the carman what the letters meant. The prompt reply was "God preserve O'Connell." Thackeray believed what he was told and printed it in his book, but the incident only appeared in the first edition.

### CHOUF.

Melt butter and sugar together and give until child vomits. Very easy and sure remedy.

## THE PRIEST.

There is in the midst of us a man little appreciated, too often little loved, and sometimes frightfully calumniated, and yet who is, nevertheless, just the one man who is most worthy of the reverence and confidence of all. This man is the Catholic priest—the consoler of all who suffer, and the friend of all the friendless; and it is against him that the scoffing and the irreligious, enemies of God and of society, constantly endeavor to prejudice the minds of men. The priest is attacked in this manner only because he is the minister of God. The man who would have no God, would also have no priest; and knowing that he is powerless to impose silence upon this inconvenient preacher of the divine law he seeks to expel him, or at least rob him of the confidence of men in order to paralyze his ministry.

The priest was sent to his brethren by Jesus Christ, even as He Himself was sent. "Even as my Father hath sent me," said Jesus to the apostles, his first priests. "I also send you." Jesus was sent to save the world by the sacrifice of Himself, to enlighten it by his teachings, and to console it by his mercy. And thus He sends his priests to save, instruct, console and sanctify their brethren; or rather, He Himself fulfills by means of his priests his divine and beneficent mission, speaking by their mouth and developing by their sacred ministry his divine life in the midst of men. Ministers of God though they are, priests are, however, men. Therefore they are not perfect. Still, more, they can if forgetful of their holy vocation fall like the rest of us into serious faults; but their priestly character is no less worthy of our reverence, and we should always carefully distinguish between the man and the priest.

Weakness and error are proper to man, and we must condemn them in the priest as in all other men, but the ministry of souls, the duty of teaching the law of God, the power of administering holy things, of celebrating mass, of absolving from sin, in one word the faculties of the priesthood, are proper to the priest as the representative of God, and are independent of the virtues or negligence of him who holds this sacred trust. We should not forget that there was one Judas among the twelve apostles; and when we reflect on human weakness we have reason to thank God that there are so few priests forgetful of their duties and unworthy of their vocation. Let us say what they please, there is one fact which is perfectly apparent and perfectly undeniable. Our priests are, notwithstanding the many imperfections imputed to them and which are almost always exaggerated, far better than other men. They are more charitable to the unfortunate, they lead a purer life—a more virtuous life, a life more in conformity with the law of God—than are the lives of those who surround them and who often cry out more loudly against them. In fact how can their life be defined if not as one of devotion, self-sacrifice and good works?

By teaching our people and our children, to fear God, to love Him and to serve Him, they not only constitute themselves the most effective, the only effective guardians of innocence and virtue? Where is the father or the mother who would tell the child to be pure, to shrink from evil, to be dutiful and obedient, to fulfill all duties and to pray to God—in one word, to be a Christian and a Catholic? Where in the man who would fear to have such counsel given to his wife? And is not pure wickedness to call such salutary influence a meddling in family affairs? People sometimes complain that the priest lives like a recluse, shut out from society. Who is to blame? Is it not the fault of society itself, which by listening to false insinuations builds up a wall against the priest, or by petty jealousies renders it impossible to go among his people as he would wish to oftentimes?

Men of the world, so indulgent, so forbearing to themselves, when pronouncing their strictures on the priest, become suddenly transformed into the most severe and rigorous of mankind. Let him do what he will, they are never at a loss for something to condemn; if he be genial, conversational and at ease in society, they say he is fond of the world and has mistaken his vocation; if on the contrary he is grave and reserved, they pronounce him proud and inaccessible. What is the minister of God to do in the midst of such extremes? He must do exactly what he does—patiently endure the foolish and contradictory accusations from which he has to suffer; he must do the right in the sight of God, give to the world the light of a pure example and save the souls of men by a noble life of true self-sacrifice.—Light of the Cross.

### INVENTED BY CATHOLICS.

Catholics invented the barometer, thermometer, stethoscope, electro-microscope, heliograph, camera obscura and the mariner's compass. They also invented the air pump, the diving bell and the magic lantern. To Catholics we owe photography, accentuation, church bells, clocks, stained glass, artesian wells, spectacles, organs and the steam engine. The planetary movements were first observed by Grimaldi, a Jesuit.

The first to discover the sun's equator was Cassiope, another Jesuit. Torricelli, a Catholic, was the first to discover the gravity of the air, while another Catholic, named Torricelli, was the first to group plants into genera. Virgilinus, a Catholic Bishop, discovered the simplicity of the earth. As I doubt not, you were all very attentive to me, and as I have not learned anything new of him I have nothing to add to what I said at that time."

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### LIGHT YOUR CORNER.

There is a table of a candle which sulked because it was not given a place on the dinner-table, but was set off in a dingy corner. There are some people like this candle. They would be glad to shine in a conspicuous, prominent place, but they resent being called on to light up the dark corners. But remember that the corners need to be illuminated as well as other parts of the house. Wherever you are put, shine out brightly. If you are set in a corner make that corner the brightest spot in the room.

### HAD NOTHING NEW.

For humor, combined with brevity, it would not be easy to rival the French priest who, upon the feast of St. James the Apostle, was called upon to pronounce a panegyric on the saint. "My brethren," he said, "twelve months ago I preached a eulogy on the eminent apostle whose festival you celebrate today. As I doubt not, you were all very attentive to me, and as I have not learned anything new of him I have nothing to add to what I said at that time."

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